

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 16, 2006. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 4, 6 – 9, 11 – 22, 24 - 31, 50 and 63 - 66 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claims 50 and 66, and has canceled claims 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 42 – 49, 51, 53, 54 and 62 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant has canceled claims 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 42 – 49, 51, 53, 54 and 62 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 4, 6 – 9, 11 – 22, 24 – 31 and 63 – 65 are allowed. The Office Action also indicates that claims 50 and 66 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 indicated in the Action. As set forth above, Applicant has amended several of the claims and respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action indicates that claims 33, 35 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. As set forth above, Applicant has canceled these claims and respectfully asserts, therefore, that the rejection has been rendered accommodated.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action indicates that claims 32, 39, 42 – 49, 51, 53, 54 and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by *Poole*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant has canceled these claims as set forth above and respectfully asserts that the rejection has been rendered accommodated.

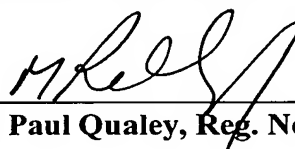
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

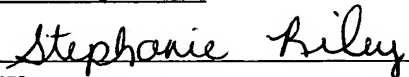
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